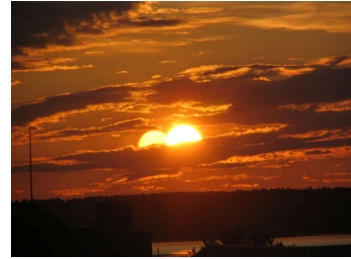


Is the Moon for Sale?

(1) A business called *Moon Inc.* is selling property on the moon. It sells between 175 and 200 parcels a day. People pay \$25.00 for a parcel of land. They get a certificate that says where their property is on the moon.



(2) A treaty says that no country can own planets or moons. However, it does not say that no people can own planets or moons. The person who runs *Moon Inc.* says he owns them all. He is selling property on the moon and Mars.

(3) American astronauts have gone to the moon. They do not say they own it. One of them says you can buy a certificate if you want but all you will have is paper.

(4) Some people have bought certificates for moon property. One person says he will sell it if someone wants to buy it. One business bought many certificates to give to its customers.

(5) Some people want to know if it is legal to sell certificates to lunar property. The Attorney General of California says it may be a scam. He does not know why anyone would want to buy land on Mars.

(6) The owner of *Moon Inc.* is making between \$3000 and \$4000 a day. He has sold 11,000 parcels on the moon and 1,000 on Mars. He says countries that explore in space will have to buy from him. If they don't, they will be trespassers.

A: Vocabulary

Choose the letter of the definition that matches the word.

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| 1. <i>astronaut</i> | A. anything a person owns, often buildings or land |
| 2. <i>Attorney General</i> | B. one of the pieces of a larger area of land that has been split up into parts |
| 3. <i>certificate</i> | C. an official paper that shows that property has gone from one owner to another |
| 4. <i>parcel</i> | D. an agreement made between two or more countries |
| 5. <i>property</i> | E. a traveler in a spaceship |
| 6. <i>scam</i> | F. head law enforcement officer of a state or country |
| 7. <i>treaty</i> | G. someone who goes on to private property without permission |
| 8. <i>trespasser</i> | H. a plan to cheat someone |

B: Select a Word

Read the story and select a word to fill in the blank.

1. A business called Lunar Embassy is selling _____ on the moon.
2. A _____ says that countries can't own planets or moons.
3. The person who runs *Moon Inc.* says that he _____ them all.
4. One business bought a lot of certificates to give to its _____.
5. He says that _____ that explore in space will have to buy from him.

C: Multiple Choice

Read each sentence and select the correct word to fill in the blank.

1. They get a certificate that says _____.

- A. they own property on the moon
- B. where their property is on the moon
- C. how much their property cost

2. A treaty says that _____ planets or moons.

- A. no person can own
- B. no one can sell
- C. no country can own

3. American astronauts _____ the moon.

- A. have gone to
- B. say they own
- C. have flown around

4. Some people want to know _____ certificates to moon property.

- A. where they can buy
- B. if it is legal to buy
- C. if it is legal to sell

5. He says that countries that _____ must buy from him.

- A. have space shuttles
- B. explore in space
- C. land on the moon

D: Sequencing

Number the items below in the correct order in which they appeared in the story. Write the numbers **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6** to list the order in which the story was written.

- ✓ One of them says you can buy a certificate if you want. _____
- ✓ One person says he will sell it if anyone wants to buy it. _____
- ✓ He has sold 11,000 parcels on the moon and 1000 on Mars. _____
- ✓ The person who runs *Moon Inc.* says he owns all the planets. _____
- ✓ The Attorney does not know why anyone would want to buy land on Mars. _____
- ✓ A business called *Moon Inc.* is selling property on the moon. _____

Answer Key

A: Vocabulary

1 E	3 C	5 A	7 D
2 F	4 B	6 H	8 G

B: Select a Word

1 property	3 owns	5 countries
2 treaty	4 customers	

C: Multiple Choice

1 B	3 A	5 B
2 C	4 B	

D: Sequencing

3 4 6 2 5 1